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## BRIDGEPORT IS NOT TO GET PROPOSED NEW POST OFFICE

### Semenoff Heads Anti Bolsheviks

Expect Hun to Establish Government to Succeed Kolchak.

### REPORT UPRISINGS IN ARNUR VALLEY

London, Jan. 22.—Supreme control of anti-Bolshevik activities in eastern Siberia has been assumed by General Semenoff, who has been in command of the Siberian forces east of Lake Balkal. It is assumed he will attempt to establish a government to succeed that of Admiral Kolchak, which seems to have dissolved when its troops were defeated west of Krasnoyarsk. Admiral Kolchak is believed to be under arrest at Verkhne-Udinsk, a small town 200 miles west of Irkutsk.

Cossack chiefs and garrison commanders under the direct supervision of General Horvath in Eastern Siberia have been notified by General Semenoff of the new regime the latter has set up, but no action has been received indicating the measure of support given it. Reports reflect a rather serious situation at Balkal, Khatkusha and Misoval, in trans-Balkal, where Semenoff's soldiers have clashed with Cossack-Slovak forces. Peking dispatches would seem to indicate that General Semenoff has comparatively few troops and materially are apparently disorganized.

Recent official Bolshevik statements have claimed that there had been no fighting in the Amur valley and in the Russian maritime province, north of Vladivostok.

### EIGHT REPORTED LOST AS SHIP'S BOAT OVERTURNS

Report of Steamer Bardic Regarding Attempt To Leave Powhatan.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 22.—Eight lives were lost when a boat from the transport Northern Pacific overturned yesterday in an attempt to transfer passengers from the disabled Powhatan, according to officers of the steamship Bardic which arrived here this morning.

The Bardic's officers said that statement was based on a wireless message received while on the way to Halifax after having failed in an attempt to take the disabled transport in tow. Officers of the navy department here said they had no record of this message.

A wireless message from Captain Randall of the Powhatan timed 10 a. m. today said he had started for Halifax in tow of the Canadian government steamer Lady Laurier at 8 a. m. He announced that there was no change in the condition of the ship and that a transfer of passengers would not be attempted "unless everything is absolutely favorable."

### ALBERT CONFERS WITH POINCARÉ

Paris, Jan. 22.—King Albert of Belgium came to Paris yesterday and conferred for a long time with President Poincaré.

### Will Execute All Clauses of Versailles Peace Pact

MAINTENANCE OF ALLIANCES THAT SAVED WORLD AIM OF NEW FRENCH CABINET.

Paris, Jan. 22.—Maintenance of "the alliances that have saved the world" will be one of the chief aims of the new cabinet in France, Premier Millerand announced in his ministerial declaration of policy today.

The declaration began with a graceful reference to Georges Clemenceau, the retiring premier. M. Millerand pointed out that he had been called "to the formidable honor of succeeding a ministry presided over by a great patriot who, in the eyes of the world, is the incarnation of victory."

Schuyler Merritt So Notifies Collector James L. McGovern—Chairman of Committee on Public Buildings Decides No Public Buildings Measure To Be Reported.

Bridgeport will not get its proposed new \$4,500,000 post office this year. The Chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings has decided that no public buildings measure will be reported at this session of the House.

He has so informed Schuyler Merritt, of Stamford, representative for the Fourth Connecticut District, and Mr. Merritt has in turn transmitted the news by letter to James L. McGovern, collector of customs for the Connecticut district.

Mr. McGovern, after consulting with Supervising Architect O'Brien, had recommended a new post office for Bridgeport that would serve all local needs for 25 years to come, including ample provision for the parcel post.

It was estimated that at the present cost of building such a structure would cost \$4,500,000.

The views of the supervising architect with those of Mr. McGovern, and the letter of Mr. Merritt have been transmitted to the Committee of Commerce to be considered by the committee on new post office, which the chamber has appointed.

### THINK EPIDEMIC IN CHICAGO HAS PASSED ITS PEAK

Decrease In New Cases—Death List 61 in 24 Hours.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—The influenza epidemic in Chicago today was believed by health department officials to have passed its peak, but it continued to spread down state. There was a decrease in the number of new cases reported, only 2008 being recorded, but the death list here for the last 24 hours reached 61, the largest during any day since the outbreak began.

Dr. John Dill Robertson, city health commissioner, declared "the further the epidemic goes the more definitely the mild character of the disease is proved."

Two deaths and 124 new cases of influenza today were reported from Kansas. At Oklahoma City, 43 cases were recorded.

The situation in Kansas City, Mo., where a sporadic outbreak of influenza was noticed, was reported much improved.

### BELA KUN SERIOUSLY ILL

Vienna, Jan. 22.—(Via London)—Bela Kun, the former Communist dictator of Hungary, is reported to be seriously ill at Karlsbad, where he is interned.

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## SWISS FAVOR EXTRADITION OF EX-KAISER

Geneva, Jan. 22.—Swiss newspapers, following the lead of the Geneva Tribune, foster the extradition of former Emperor William from Holland. The consensus of editorial opinion is that, owing to the exceptional crimes of an international character charged against him, Holland would not be guilty of abusing the traditions of neutral countries, as in this case Count Hohenlohe is not a political refugee.

## ASSERTS ACTION AGAINST RADICALS PURELY POLITICAL

Statement Made By President Hopkins of Dartmouth.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 22.—In an address at the dinner of the Dartmouth Club of Hartford, at the University Club last night, President Ernest M. Hopkins, of Dartmouth College, declared that "the present activities against alien radicals in this country is purely political play to enhance the political aspirations of the attorney general."

Dr. Hopkins arraigned the government campaign against the Bolsheviks and other radicals and supplemented it with bitter criticism of the policy of the United States toward Russia.

"Certain people," he said, "are attempting to make a reputation for conservatism. As a result their censorship and propaganda have been actively at work to such an extent that freedom of thought and speech such as the constitution of the United States expressly guarantees, are impossible."

President Hopkins declared that many of the war powers granted the government were still being exercised and that the country was living in a period of censorship. "If I have every reason to believe, although I cannot prove it, that letters sent me from Russia have been withheld, and I am very sure also that letters to others have not been delivered. Men who have come back from Russia have said that the allied blockade is starving hundreds of Russians who have nothing to do with the soviet government. England has had her eyes opened in this matter before the United States."

"People returning from Russia say there are untold food stores there awaiting the lifting of the ban," said Dr. Hopkins. Referring to arrests of alleged "reds," the speaker said: "Raids on these alien groups have been made under the guise of ridding the country of people who do not appreciate freedom. The spirit behind the arrest of these aliens is somewhat the same as that which produced the know nothing party and the attack on fraternal organizations."

President Hopkins asserted that it was the prevalent belief among Democrats that the raids and deportations had been made largely to enhance the political aspirations of the attorney general. He said it was all simply political play.

"We seem to be using extreme harshness to cover up a record of extreme leniency," he said. "There should have been lots of it earlier and less of it now. People talking on street corners just to hear themselves talk are not proper subjects for deportation. Where the country gets rid of this policy of one man who may be dangerous it creates a hundred more."

Dr. Hopkins declared "if this sort of thing had happened in 1857 Hawthorne and Thoreau would probably have been arrested and all of the Shaker colonies deported. The proposed sedition act would have kept Carl Schurz out of the country."

President Hopkins said that in his opinion the late war was being followed by an attack on economic absolutism, which he believed was in force in this country.

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## Company Answers Charges

Claims Majority of People in State Satisfied With Zone System.

## RECEIPTS STILL SHOW AN INCREASE

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 22.—The Connecticut company's answer to opponents of the zone system was given to the public utilities commission at a hearing in the capitol today. Figures were introduced by the company calculated to show that the zone fare system was workable, that the large majority of the people served by the company's lines were satisfied with it and receipts had increased to such an extent that dividends might be resumed in a short time.

The receipts continue to increase under the zone system, according to Mr. Berry, attorney for the company. Those for December, 1919, were \$145,297 greater than the same month in 1918, and the gross for the first 15 days of this month were \$58,000 more than for the same period in 1918. The January riding averaged \$46 more per day than did that of the month preceding. The day before Christmas the company's riders paid within a thousand dollars of what had been secured on the most prosperous labor day in the past several years. The commutation riders paid \$67,206 to the company in the year ending October 31, 1919, the attorney said.

The figures for the entire Hartford division were \$2,734,083.41. Mr. Berry brought out that of the 58 cities and towns served by the Connecticut Company only 16 had protested against the zone system. The 42 towns that had not protested have a total population of 669,000 while that of the protesting towns is 5,000. He said Bridgeport and New Haven should not be considered because only Lighthouse Point residents of New Haven had protested and Bridgeport refused to consider anything but a flat five cent fare. The city rider paid an average of 5.92 cents under the six cent fare, Mr. Berry said. Now he pays 6.53 cents. The attorney showed that several lines in the city of Hartford were more than six cent lines. The average fare paid in November, 1919, the first month the zone system was in operation was 7.73 cents.

## NORWALK POLICE SEEK TO OBTAIN WAGE INCREASE

Member of Fore Has Brought Suit Against City In High Court.

The question of whether members of the Norwalk police department are to get an increase in pay will be fought out at the trial of the suit brought by John L. Roberts, a member of the force, against the City of Norwalk. In papers filed today in the Superior court the city is asked to provide the money for the proposed increase.

It is stated that in September, 1918, the Aldermen of Norwalk passed an ordinance increasing the pay of patrolmen from \$3.25 to \$3.75 a day and of sergeants from \$3.75 to \$4.25 a day. This increase has never been paid, the complaint states. The city of Norwalk claims the increase was not paid because the Board of Apportionment cannot spend more than the amount it has on hand and it is claimed that there was not a sufficient amount of funds available to pay the extra stipend.

The entire police department of Norwalk is back of the present action and Roberts was named as plaintiff because his name was drawn.

## PATROLMAN SHOT

Boston, Jan. 22.—Patrolman William G. Clancy, a member of the newly organized police force and veteran of the 26th (Yankee) division, was shot and killed early today as he was entering a dance hall in Charleston to quell a disturbance. No arrest was made. When overseas he was married to an English woman who had planned to join him here within a few weeks.

## PALMER HAS DISAPPROVED OF BOTH BILLS

Washington, Jan. 22.—Disapproving both the Sterling and Graham sedition bills, Attorney General Palmer in a letter today to Chairman Campbell of the House Rules Committee, proposed a new measure which would provide fines not exceeding \$10,000 and imprisonment of not more than 20 years for persons convicted of attempting to overthrow the government or of acts of violence against the government or its employees or agents while in the discharge of their official duties.

## TENANTS RENTS ARE RAISED IN REMINGTON CITY

New Realty Co. Buys Buildings Built to House War Workers.

Tenants in the houses known as Remington City were surprised when they received by mail Monday morning an announcement that the property had been sold to the East End Realty company and were shocked when they read further down in the letter that the new owners had decided to raise the rent.

The houses, what is known as the new development and are houses that were built during the war to accommodate the large number of workmen who had been brought here for the Remington Arms Co. U. S. C. Co.

Edward D. Beach, general manager of the East End Realty company, said this morning that the company was a new corporation organized under the laws of Connecticut and that the stockholders are non-residents.

They had purchased all of the real estate holdings of the Arms company and they had raised the tenants because they believed that the accommodations even at the increased rent were greater for than any other in the city of Bridgeport.

The rents that were \$20 a month were raised to \$25; those that were \$18 were raised to \$21 and \$22.

## JULIUS GERBER FIRST WITNESS TO TAKE STAND

Albany, Jan. 22.—Julius Gerber, secretary of the New York local of the socialist party, was the first witness called to testify at the trial before the assembly judiciary committee of the five suspended socialist assemblymen charged with disloyalty.

As soon as Gerber had been sworn, Mr. Stanchfield obtained from him a copy of the constitutional platform of the socialist party in 1917, which was introduced in evidence without objection by the defense.

Mr. Stanchfield drew from Gerber information that the New York Call, "with the flaming torch, the socialist emblem, at each corner of the front page," was an organ of the socialist party in which official news was recorded. Gerber said he was secretary of the "membership corporation" which published the newspaper, and that S. John Blum, state chairman of the socialist party and an attorney for the defense, was another officer.

The Call Gerber testified, is owned by the Workmen's Co-operative Publishing Association, which he described as a "membership corporation." A person may become a member of the association by payment of \$5. Some persons own more stock than others, but regardless of the amount of stock owned, each member is allowed but one vote. The socialist party organization had no control of authority over the publishing association, nor had the publishing association any control over the party.

## TO TUNNEL MOUNT BLANC

Chamonix, Switzerland, Jan. 22.—French and Italian engineers have arrived here to make studies on the ground for a tunnel under Mount Blanc, directly joining France and Italy. This project, which has been under examination for many years, now appears near attainment, as both governments have voted preliminary credits to commence work. France has appropriated 45,000,000 francs and Italy 40,000,000.

New York, Jan. 22.—British exchange fell to a new low record at the outset of today's trading in foreign remittances. Demand bills were offered at \$3.60 1-4 which was 1-2 under the previous low record.

## PERMIT TO TAKE GIRL NOT ISSUED BY PROBATE COURT

Other Children Committed to Home—Claim Made Police Department Knows Where Petkowitz Girl Is—Thorn Contends Moral Right to Take Her.

Charges brought against the Charities Department to the effect that they had no court order to take Julia Petkowitz from the home of her stepfather were sustained today by an examination of the court records. It is also stated that the police department know where the girl is.

An examination of the Probate Court records shows that a few weeks ago a hearing was held before Judge Paul L. Miller and two children, Annie and Josephine, were authorized to be committed to the home, as their father was an unfit person to take charge of them. Two others, twins Frank and Edward, were ordered taken in charge at the Margaret M. Ford home until they reached an age which would warrant them being sent to a home, but the name of Julia had been scratched from the records.

When Superintendent of Charities Angus Thorne was called this morning he stated that he did not know that the case of Julia had not been acted on and then claimed that as long as the court had decided that the father was unable to care properly for the other children that he had no moral or legal right to Julia.

It was the superintendent's contention, carried out by the court records of the hearing, that Julia (Jasko) Petkowitz was born in Toronto, Ohio, on June 11, 1904. It is then claimed that her father left her mother and was thought to be dead. A few years ago Mrs. Jasko went to live with Joseph Petkowitz and came to this city. She had four children by him before she died a few months ago.

At that time Julia was attending the fourth grade at the Longfellow school, Bostwick avenue, and shortly after her mother's death Julia told Miss Stapleton, principal of the school, that she had to remain at home to take care of the other children as she was 15, the oldest, and the others were merely babies. It was then that the Charities Department acted and a petition was filed in the Probate Court for the removal of the four children and was acted on by Judge Miller but Julia's name was scratched from the petition and the judge took no action on the matter.

Despite the fact that Julia was 16 and entitled to be heard as to whom she selected as her legal guardian, both her real mother and father being dead, no action was taken and she was given to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dowd who tried to give her a home.

Superintendent Thorne states that he does not know where the girl is. It is now said that Julia's real father has appeared on the scene again and is prepared to defend his rights in the courts if such a course is necessary.

Following a conference this morning between Judge Miller in the Probate Court and Mr. Thorne it was stated that Julia's name had been crossed out of the petition because

## To Carry Out Pact Of London

Italy Will Insist That France and London Do This.

## STATEMENT OF PREMIER NITTI

Paris, Jan. 22.—Italy will demand of France and England the carrying out of the treaty of London only when all other means of settling the Adriatic question have been tried and found futile, according to a statement made by Premier Nitti to a representative of the Echo de Paris. The correspondent accompanied the Italian premier from this city to Nice, and was told by Signor Nitti that his trip to Rome was brought about solely by the railroad strike in Italy.

"The reply of the Jugo Slav government to the note of the supreme council relative to conflicting claims on the eastern shore of the Adriatic does not satisfy us," the premier is quoted as saying, "but we have gone to the extreme limit in making concessions. 'The world should realize that for the sake of Fiume we renounce Dalmatia, which was given to us by the pact of London. We hope that, after a few days' further reflection, the Jugo-Slavs will send an acceptable answer. This new people is in the course of formation and the exaggerated impulsiveness characteristic of youth is naturally present, but we are anxious to consider the Jugo-Slavs friends. They and we occupy the greater part of the Adriatic coast and have mutual interests. I wish to facilitate these relations. We will find an agreement. It must be found. We will demand execution of the London pact only at the last extremity.'"

Premier Nitti expects to return to Paris soon to resume his work in the peace conference.

## FOUR BURNED TO DEATH

Quebec, Jan. 22.—Four persons were burned to death at St. Raymond, Portneuf, early today when the home of the Charlemagne Farm was destroyed by fire. Mr. Paque's mother died yesterday and the body was lying in state when candles set fire to the draperies. Three daughters and her nephew, aged 12, were asleep upstairs and could not be reached by volunteers who the girl was already taken care of by the department and Judge Miller had been convinced she was in good hands. It was due to this misunderstanding that no legal court action was taken of Julia's separation.

According to the legal side of the case the selectmen, under a town charter, have the right to take and care for destitute children and under a city charter the right is conferred on the Board of Charities. In view of this legal authorities say that the Board of Charities had at least a moral right to act pending court action and that the father who has no legal or moral claim on the girl as he is no relative either by blood or marriage, has nothing to say in the matter.

## Call On Federal Soldiers To Quiet Race Situation

NEGROES IN TOWN OUTNUMBER WHITES 50 TO ONE—WIRES ARE CUT.

Dumas, Ark., Jan. 22.—A detachment of 128 federal soldiers from Camp Pike, Ark., Governor Charles Brough and large parties of civil officers and possemen from nearby towns, arrived here early today to take charge of a race situation arising from an alleged attack on a deputy sheriff by armed negroes at a negro settlement near here late yesterday.

According to reports today the disturbance started when J. H. Breedlove, a deputy sheriff, and two white companions went into the negro settlement to arrest a negro charged with stealing hogs.

Armed negroes, it was said, demanded the prisoners' release and, when Breedlove refused, opened fire. Breedlove returned the fire and with his companions withdrew to obtain reinforcements, according to the reports.

Shortly after the shooting, wires leading from Dumas to the negro settlement were cut.

Dumas is a village of 500 inhabitants in the southeastern part of the state. The district where the trouble took place is isolated and the only white residents are planters and their families and a few crews of small sawmills. The negroes are said to outnumber the whites 50 to 1. Dumas is about 60 miles southwest of Elaine, Ark., scene of a negro uprising last October, when a number of persons were killed before the outbreak was quelled by federal troops. It is 10 miles north of Winchester, headquarters of Robert L. Hill, alleged leader of the Elaine insurgents.